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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF VENEZUELAN IMPRISONED IN NORTH KOREA

REF: STATE 195339 (NOTAL); CARACAS 8618 AND A-205 (NOTAL)

1. EL NACIONAL OF SEPTEMBER 12 REPORTS THAT THE VENEZUELAN COMMUNIST POET ALI LAMEDA, IMPRISONED IN NORTH KOREA SINCE SEPTEMBER 27, 1967, ON CHARGES WHOSE NATURE HAS NEVER BEEN REVEALED, WILL BE RELEASED IN PYONG YANG ON SEPTEMBER 13. ACCORDING TO EL NACIONAL, LAMEDA WILL GO DIRECTLY TO MOSCOW AND THENCE TO BUCHAREST, FROM WHICH CITY HE WILL RETURN TO CARACAS. EL NACIONAL ALSO REPORTS THAT TWO VENEZUELAN COMMUNISTS, HECTOR MUJICA AND EDUARDO GALLEGOS MANCERA, HAVE TRAVELED TO MOSCOW TO MEET LAMEDA.

2. COMMENT: RELEASE OF LAMEDA WILL REMOVE A LONG-STANDING
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AND SERIOUS IRRITANT BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND NORTH KOREA AND

COULD PAVE THE WAY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH KOREA AND VENEZUELA. A WELL-PLACED ADECO SOURCE TOLD POL COUNSELOR THAT LAMEDA'S RELEASE REPRESENTS A QUID PRO QUO FOR THE RECENT RECEPTION BY PRESIDENT PEREZ AND OTHER VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF TWO VISITING NORTH VIETNAMESE "CORRESPONDENTS" (CARACAS 8618 AND A-205). ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE GOV, LONG ANXIOUS TO EFFECT LAMEDA'S RELEASE FROM NORTH KOREA, TOLD THE DRV JOURNALISTS THAT THEY WOULD BE RECEIVED ONLY IF THEY PUT PRESSURE ON THE NORTH KOREA AUTHORITIES TO LET LAMEDA GO. THIS PRESSURE, COMBINED WITH NORTH KOREA'S INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA, PRODUCED LAMEDA'S RELEASE.

3. POL COUNSELOR HAS APPOINTMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 16 TO DISCUSS WITH VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, VENEZUELAN-NORTH KOREAN RELATIONS AS REQUESTED STATE 195339 FISHER

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